

(d) recovering drip waters of stage (c) and injecting into the drip waters a gas-containing carbon dioxide to neutralize and stabilize the pH of said drip waters, and

(e) recycling the drip waters as processed in (d) into the manufacturing composition of (a).

-- 29. (New) Process as claimed in either of claim 27 or 28, wherein the manufacturing composition includes sodium and hydrogen carbonate ions in ionic equilibrium.

-- 30. (New) Process as claimed in one of claim 27 or 28, wherein the manufacturing composition is derived from a pulp based on de-inked recovered paper. --

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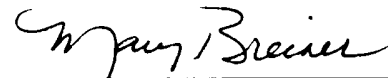
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The present amendment is being made concurrently with the filing of the captioned application to conform the claims to U.S. claim practice.

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